

IDENTIFICATION TECHNICIAN III*Class Definition*

Under general supervision, provides lead direction to technicians engaged in processing prisoners and/or evidence used in the prosecution of criminals; and operates an automated fingerprint identification system.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Identification Technician III is the lead level class in the Identification Technician series. On an assigned shift, an incumbent assigns and directs the work of technicians and other assistants in the Police Department's Identification Bureau. Work consists of various identification and evidence duties including fingerprint classification, latent comparison, indexing, maintaining identification records, and special duties related to evidence collection and preservation. Incumbents also perform the more complex tasks associated with the operation of the Cal-ID System. This class is distinguished from Identification Technician II in that incumbents of the latter perform journey level work and are not normally assigned lead level duties. This class is distinguished from Supervising Identification Technician in that the latter is the first-line supervisory level.

Typical Tasks

(An incumbent may not be assigned all duties listed, nor do the examples cover all duties which may be assigned.)

Provides lead direction and participates in police identification activities, including collecting, preparing, identifying, analyzing and preserving evidence.

Provides lead direction and participates in fingerprint classification, latent comparison, indexing, and filing operation; maintains identification records, including photographs and fingerprints.

Provides lead direction at major crime scenes for evidence collection and preservation; assists in conducting special investigations.

Performs the more complex tasks associated with the operation of the Cal-ID automated fingerprint system, including evaluating prints for entry, purging of fingerprints stored in system, maintaining records, and collecting statistical data.

Provides lead direction in establishing and administering training programs for technicians and other department personnel. Testifies in court as an expert witness regarding evidence.

Performs the duties of the Supervising Identification Technician in the Supervisor's absence.

Operates photographic equipment.

Performs related duties as required.

Knowledge, Abilities and Skills

Knowledge of the principles and practices of criminal identification in modern police work.

Knowledge of standard fingerprint classification and latent comparison methods, practices, records, and equipment.

Knowledge of the principles and techniques of photography and photographic processing.

Knowledge of the current literature, trends and developments in the field of criminal identification technology.

Ability to perform tasks associated with the collection, development, and analysis of evidence.

Ability to testify in court as an expert witness.

Ability to direct the duties of technicians engaged in processing prisoners and/or evidence used in the prosecution of criminals.

Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing.

Minimum Qualifications

Three years of experience with a law enforcement crime lab or identification unit; or two years of experience as an Identification Technician with the Fresno Police Department, one year of which must have been as an Identification Technician II.

Necessary Special Requirement

Possession of a valid California Driver's License at time of appointment.

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Director of Personnel

DATE: _____

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